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**Testimony of Rep. Ann Hraychuck  
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Regarding Senate Bill 284**

Good Morning, Chairman Steinbrink and committee members. I appreciate having the opportunity to speak with you about Senate Bill 284.

Gaylord Nelson was one of Wisconsin's greatest public servants. He was elected to the offices of State Senate, Governor and the United States Senate and is perhaps most famous for his efforts in founding Earth Day, which began in 1970.

A man with an extraordinary passion and commitment to the outdoors, Governor Nelson is also responsible for the creation of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and the preservation of the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior. It was Nelson who brought President Kennedy to the area in 1963 to convince the president that these islands needed to be protected federally.

Senate Bill 284 designates and marks U.S. Highway 63 as the "Gaylord Nelson Highway." Beginning in my own district in Clear Lake, Wisconsin, the birthplace and final resting place of Gaylord Nelson, the highway moves northeast, ending in Bayfield County where the Apostle Islands are located. If you ask me, this could not be a more fitting dedication.

Considering Gaylord Nelson's personal history and his years of hard work for the people and resources of Wisconsin, I hope you join me in support of this bill. Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.